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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and
§§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b),
Applicants hereby cite the following references:

No.	Issue or Publication Date	Applicant or Country
6,316,132 B1	11/13/2001	Karp
6,271,592 B1	08/07/2001	Kim et al.
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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449
(one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required
under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (as modified by the Commissioner's Notice dated

July 11, 2003). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).


Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report mailed on October 20, 2003 for the above-identified application's corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/00861.

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Respectfully submitted,

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